वाहन खड़े करने के स्थान का विस्तार करने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है; यदि हां, तो विस्तार की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है; और

(ख) योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिये जाने का विचार है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री मोती लाल वोरा): (क) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की, जोधपुर एयरपोर्ट की सुविधाओं के विस्तार और उनका दर्जा बढ़ाने की योजनाएं हैं जिससे साथ-साथ 2 बोइंग 737 विमानों को हैंडल किया जा सके। इन योजनाओं में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ टर्मिनल भवन प्रस्थान होल्डिंग क्षेत्र तथा कार पार्क का विस्तार तथा परिवर्धन करना शामिल है। लागत अनुमानों को अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा कार्य 1988-89 में शुरू किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है। इस कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की चालू वर्ष की वार्षिक योजना में 40 लाख रुपए का प्रावधान किया गया है। निर्माण कार्य आरंभ होने से लगभग 18 महीने की अवधि में परियोजना के पूरा होने की आशा है।

Ailments of Calcutta Port

*206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Port has been ailing for quite some time;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken by Government for its recovery from the persisting ailments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Calcutta Port has been facing difficulties mainly on account of its long distance from the sea, high cost of dredging and insufficient earnings. The Government have taken steps for increasing cargo handling capacity, modernising existing facilities, increasing revenue and efficiency and are also giving subsidy to the extent of 90 per cent on its maintenance dredging.

Art Objects missing from the Festivals of India held Abroad

*207. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rare seventh century A.D. Icon of Buddha and another Icon of 13th century A.D. taken from Konark and Ratnagiri museums for display at the Festivals of India abroad are missing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of art objects missing or damaged in the Festivals of India abroad so far which are yet to be traced; and

(d) what efforts have been made by the Central Government to trace the missing art objects and whether any responsibility has been fixed for their disappearance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Of all the art objects sent abroad to USA, France and USSR under the aegis of the Festivals of India, only one tiny mouth-piece of a hukka belonging to Indian Museum, Calcutta was found missing, before the hukka was sent to USA. A report on the loss was lodged with the police and the investigation is in progress.

As regards damage, 57 of the art objects sent abroad to USA, France and USSR have suffered damage in varying degrees. All these art objects have been received back in India. Since these objects were damaged during transportation, responsibility cannot be fixed on anyone.

As regards the art objects sent to Japan most of which are still being exhibited, no report of any loss or damage has been received so far.

Recaliberation of Fare Meters of TSRs/Taxis in Delhi

*208. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) when the TSR (three wheeler scooters) and Taxi fares in Delhi were raised by Government last, stating the amount of hike;

(b) by when the concerned authorities were supposed to distribute the revised fare charts to the TSR and Taxi owners/drivers to check fleecing of passengers and which authority is responsible to ensure compliance of the requirement to display the revised fare charts by the TSR and Taxi drivers;

(c) whether the revised fare charts have been issued to all the TSRs and Taxis in the city; if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the percentage of TSRs/Taxis in the city which have got their meters recaliberated, to incorporate the hike in the fares and what action has been taken by Government to get the fare meters recaliberated by the remaining TSRs/Taxis in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Delhi Administration have intimated as follows:—

(a) The fare in respect of TSRs/Taxis were raised in the Union Territory of Delhi w.e.f. 14-1-1988. The raise was approximately 6.25 per cent.

(b) and (c) The new fare charts were printed within three days and these were distributed to the TSR/Taxi owners/drivers through DCP (Traffic)/Auto-rickshaw Taxi Unions with the clear instructions that it will be compulsory on the part of the autorickshaw/taxi drivers to prominently display the chart inside the vehicle. Wide publicity was also given in the leading newspapers. The STA and the Traffic Police can take cognisance of non-display of fare charts as non adherence to permit conditions.

(d) After the increase in fares, no recaliberation of meters has been done. Instead revised fare charts have been issued and distributed in adequate numbers. Recaliberation will be done after a final decision is taken on a proposal now under consideration of Delhi Administration to introduce electronic digital fare meters.

Treating the NPA of Dectors as Basic Pay

*209. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the service doctors' agitation, a package was offered to the doctors in which it was promised that the Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) would be treated as basic pay for all service matters; and

(b) if so, whether NPA is being considered as basic pay for the pur-